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	10/186,015	July 1, 2002	McDonald			
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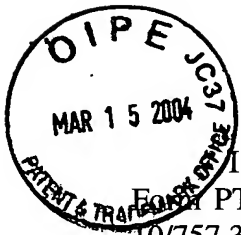
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